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Directors Message



Last week GOHSEP held its 2015 Public Assistance (PA) Stakeholder Outreach

Workshops. These workshops provided valuable information on different areas of FEMA's PA program. Our Subject Matter Experts also attended these workshops to help assist with specific questions and concerns from sub recipients.

GOHSEP continues to provide training and outreach for its stakeholders to ensure that the most current information, policies, and procedures are understood and followed under specific program areas. Our agency feels that these are valuable resources for stakeholders and we encourage everyone's participation.



Friday, July 24th

Closing Date for Hazard Mitigation
FY15 Non-Grant Applications

Tue., July 28th & Wed., July 29th
Disaster Management for Water &
Wastewater Utilities Training Course
Schriever Water Plant Facility
351 Water Plant Rd., Schriever, LA

Saturday, August 1st

10 Yrs/10 Stories Exhibit
Architecture of Recovery
AIA New Orleans Center for Design
100 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans

Disaster Aid Available for State of Louisiana



The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster aid

has been made available to the State of Louisiana to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding during the period of May 18 to June 20, 2015.

The President's action makes federal funding available to state and eligible tribal and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by severe storms and flooding in *Bossier, Caddo, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides and Red River parishes*.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

William J. Doran III has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Doran said additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available as needed and warranted under President Obama's disaster declaration issued for the State of Louisiana.

Assistance for the State, Tribal and Affected Local Governments can include as required:

- Eligible costs for debris removal and emergency protective measures taken to save lives and protect property and public health.
- Eligible costs for repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, bridges, utilities, buildings, schools, recreational areas, and similar publicly owned property, as well as certain private non-profit organizations engaged in community service activities. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.)
- Approved costs for hazard mitigation projects undertaken by state, tribal, and local governments to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural or technological disasters.

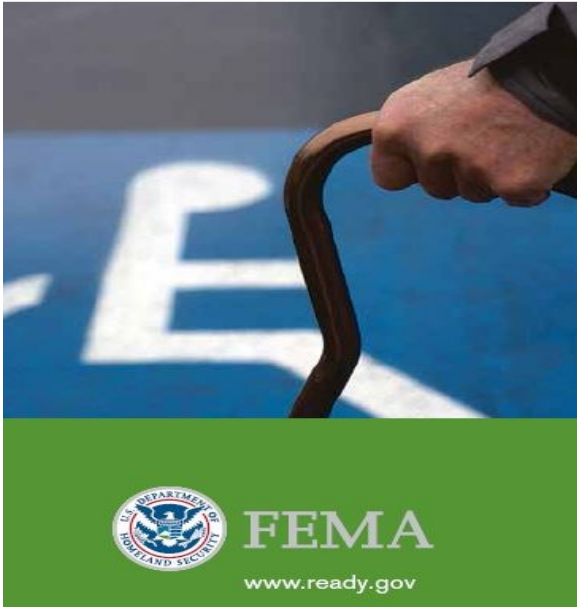
GOHSEP is coordinating with local declared parishes to schedule Public Assistance (PA) grant Applicant Briefings. PA Applicant Briefings are designed to provide information on requirements, guidelines, rules and procedures for FEMA's PA grant program.

The State's request for disaster assistance under the Individual Assistance (IA) grant program has been denied by FEMA. The IA grant program provides disaster assistance to eligible homeowners, renters and business owners and is administered by FEMA.





Prepare for Emergencies Now: Information for People with Disabilities



July 26 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This milestone law prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in state and local government, private entities and telecommunications. It was passed in 1990 and signed by President George H.W. Bush. Before the ADA, people with disabilities experienced barriers to employment, participation in state and local government programs and services, transportation, effective communications, public accommodations and more. Although much progress has been made over the past 25 years, there is still more work to do. Employment opportunities and access to physical, programmatic, and effective communication still remain inaccessible for many people with disabilities. And this is usually exacerbated in disasters.

FEMA works extensively with state and local officials, and many other stakeholders who play an important role as force multipliers to achieve compliance and increase access to more Americans. FEMA has a responsibility to plan for the entire community – children, older adults and people with or without disabilities with access and functional needs. FEMA must include the whole community in preparedness efforts, exercises, and training so that communities understand how best to accommodate everyone's needs in a disaster. FEMA recognizes the importance of inclusive emergency management in preparedness activities before a disaster strikes, and throughout response, recovery and mitigation.

Under the mandates of the ADA, the Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, FEMA joins a renewed effort across the country to plan for emergencies and disasters with people who have disabilities and others with access and functional needs rather than planning for them. Equal access and reasonable accommodations are not just what the law requires, they are the right thing to do. The 25th Anniversary of the ADA is a good time to renew our commitment to this vital civil rights commitment, and FEMA is doing so to support true whole community inclusion. More information can be found at www.ready.gov/individuals-access-functional-needs.

Haitian Delegation Tours GOHSEP's Emergency Operations Center



GOHSEP Host Haitian Delegation

On Tuesday, July 7th members of Haitian Delegation, consisting of the Emergency Response Agency and the Disaster Protection Civil (DPC) Department toured GOHSEP's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). As part of the tour the group participated in discussions regarding Louisiana's EOC, emergency management and disaster response operations.

This tour and discussion allowed the Haitian Delegation to identify potential gaps, challenges, and best practices; thus allowing the opportunity to identify further professional development opportunities in EOC procedures, organization, planning and disaster response efforts.

Fifteen (15) Crisis Support Team members stationed at the Pollock Federal Correctional Complex participated in a briefing and tour of GOHSEP's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Pollock, located in Grant Parish has a high security U.S. penitentiary with an adjacent minimum security satellite camp which house male offenders.



The US Federal Bureau of Prisons, or BOP for short, is a component of the US Department of Justice (DOJ). The BOP is responsible for maintaining the custody of anyone convicted of committing a federal crime. To achieve this goal, the BOP maintains a number of correctional facilities, which are divided into six regions, throughout the US. Facilities are designated as either minimum, medium, maximum, or the most recent addition, super max.

To help maintain security within facilities under its control, the BOP has formed a number of specialized tactical, and emergency response units. Operating under the direct control of the BOP's Office of Emergency Preparedness, these units consist of Special Operations Response Teams, or SORTs; Disturbance Control Teams (DCT); Hostage Negotiation Teams (HNT); Crisis Support Teams (CST); and Command and Control Support Staff (CCSS).

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FEMA Trains Tribal Leaders in Emergency Management

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI), working with headquarters and the regions, looks for new opportunities to help tribal leaders learn about emergency management principles and practices to help protect tribal citizens, lands, and culture. Tribal liaisons from FEMA's Region V and Region IX taught a four-hour EMI course, Emergency Management Overview for Tribal Leaders (L0583), to better enable tribal leaders in developing and implementing a comprehensive emergency management system within their tribal nations.

Fifteen participants representing eight tribal governments, the state of Alaska, the American Red Cross, and the Department of Homeland Security participated in the training as a pre-conference workshop before the 2015 Mid-Year Conference of the National Congress of American Indians on June 28-July 1, 2015 in St. Paul, Minnesota. The interactive course was designed to meet the demanding schedule of elected and appointed tribal officials, and to provide them with the knowledge and skills necessary to better prepare their communities to face all hazards as well as respond to and recover from incidents.

The Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments (E0580) is a four-day course held at EMI, located on the campus of the National Emergency Training Center in Emmits-



burg, Maryland, and is scheduled for August 24-27, 2015. Tribal leaders, tribal emergency managers, tribal response personnel, tribal government department heads, and tribal government employees learn how effective emergency management can improve the sustainability of their tribal community to better protect its tribal citizens, lands, culture, and sovereignty.

Specific topics for the Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments (E0580) course include the legal and financial basis for emergency management; identification and analysis of hazards; the planning process; components of an emergency management system; assuring readiness through training and exercises; forming partnerships with the public and private sectors; and upgrading and sustaining emergency management capabilities.

There are still vacancies available for the four-day class scheduled for the last full week in August. Applications can be completed online and the deadline is July 27, 2015. Questions about the EMI Tribal Curriculum should be directed to Katie Hirt at Katie.Hirt@fema.dhs.gov or 301-447-1164.

Happy Happy Birthday!



Welcome to our team!

July 20th - Tasha Smith

July 21st - Derrick James

July 22nd - Tiffany Thomas &
Brittany Calahan

July 25th - Montrell Dukes

July 26th - Christopher Jarrell

July 27th - Willie Thomas

July 28th - LaDonna Williams

August 1st - Ebony Davis

August 2nd - Willetta Porter

Woodi Jones, HM Closeout Specialist

David Youngblood, Facilities Specialist



TRAINING



Mitigation Planning Workshop for Preparing Local Plans

This in-person, 2-day workshop covers the fundamentals of the mitigation planning requirements for communities to develop new or updated Local Mitigation Plans that address community priorities and needs and meet requirements established in 44 CFR 201.6. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local governments to prepare and adopt jurisdiction-wide hazard mitigation plans as a condition of receiving funds from the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs: the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). This workshop describes the planning process, the requirements for stakeholder involvement, assessing risks and developing effective mitigation strategies. Finally, the basic elements of the plan review, approval, and update cycle are discussed, including tips for implementing and maintaining an approved plan, tracking performance, keeping stakeholders involved, and preventing plans from lapsing or expiring.

Date: November 11-12, 2015

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Location: LSU AgCenter Ouachita Parish Office
704 Cypress Street
West Monroe, La 71291

Registration: Please register online at the following link: <http://register.gohsep.la.gov/form/PRForm.php>

Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response and Recovery

This course provides participants with an understanding of and ability to navigate through the difficult aspects of dealing with campus emergencies involving natural or manmade events, including acts of violence. The course consists of small, problem-based, integrated group activities that require a coordinated, integrated approach to solve. Through tabletop scenarios, course participants will observe a developing incident and respond in a manner consistent with currently established campus and jurisdictional emergency operations procedures.

Dates and Times: August 4 – 5, 2015
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Abdalla Hall (Auditorium Room 102)
635 Cajundome Blvd
Lafayette, La 70506

Registration: To register, sign up on the GOHSEP Training Registration page: <http://register.gohsep.la.gov/form/PRForm.php>

Visit GOHSEP's Getting It Right webpage for information on upcoming classes/schedules!!

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